

DANGER TO JAPAN

SQUADRON STEAMING FOR ISLANDS AND TO SHELL CITIES.

SHIPS ARE NEARING YOKOHAMA

Ships Sighted in Jap Waters and Bombardment May Be Expected—Japanese Torpedo Boats Retire Under Heavy Fire From Forts.

TOKIO.—A fisherman reports that the Vladivostok squadron was off Myako yesterday, going in a southeasterly direction at a speed of 10 knots. If this course and speed is maintained the squadron will be off Yokohama late today. The eastern coast of Japan is shrouded in fog. Shipping has been suspended, awaiting the location of the Russian fleet.

CHEE FOO.—Copies of the *Novo Urai*, a newspaper published at Port Arthur, including the issue of July 11, reached here this afternoon. According to this paper the Japanese fleet, composed of six cruisers, five gunboats and twenty torpedo boats, was seen early in the morning of July 10 to the southeast.

At 9 o'clock in the morning part of the Russian fleet moved to the entrance of the inner harbor. The Japanese torpedo boats then approached and at 10:30 they were fired upon by the gunboat Killak and the cruiser Diana. The Japanese vessels retired. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon several torpedo boats again approached Port Arthur. The cruiser Novik, with an escort of torpedo boats, advanced and the enemy retired the second time.

During the night of the 10th sixteen Japanese torpedo boats formed for attack. They were, however, discovered by the searchlights and retired under a heavy fire from the forts. At a later hour that same night a single torpedo boat made for the entrance of the harbor at full speed, but also retired under fire. The whitehead torpedoes which had failed to reach the cruisers at which they had been discharged by the Japanese were found at the entrance of the harbor.

On July 11 the Japanese fire from the sea stopped and the Japanese ascended Kinsan heights, from the summit of which rapid fire guns were used against the Russians. During the evening of the 11th the Russian batteries sent many shells from three positions against the Japanese on these heights. Later the Russian reserve, accompanied by bands of music, began to move toward Ludsigdao. The fire on the heights was very effective.

News was received from Ta Tohe Kiao yesterday that the Japanese had broken through the Russian left flank between Lieutenant General Count Keller's position and that of General Rennenkampf, and that they were marching on Mukden. The rumors to this effect are persistent, but there is no official confirmation of them.

Launching of Nebraska.

WASHINGTON.—The battleship Nebraska, which has been under process of construction at the yards of Moran Bros., Seattle, for several years, will in all probability be launched before the close of the present year. According to the statement of the bureau of construction, given out Saturday, on June 1 of this year the Nebraska was 49 per cent. completed, and that on July 1 51 per cent. of Moran's contract had been performed. The department is exceedingly anxious to get the ship afloat.

Broke Bicycle Record.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—Emil Agraz, a California amateur, clipped seventeen seconds off the world's amateur five-mile bicycle record made by Hurley on the Vallsburg track. Agraz rode the distance in 10:33.

THE IOWA REPUBLICANS.

State Convention Takes On Nature of a Love Feast.

For Secretary of State—WILLIAM B. MARTIN, ADAIR.
For Treasurer of State—C. S. GILBERTSON, Winnebago.
For Auditor of State—BERYL F. CARROLL, Davis.
For Attorney General—C. W. MULLAN, Blackhawk.
For Judge of Supreme Court—HORACE E. DEEMER, Montgomery.
For Railroad Commissioner—N. S. KETCHUM, Marshall.
For Presidential Electors:
At Large—E. S. ORMSBY, Palo Alto county; J. H. TREWIN, Linn county.
First District—W. B. BELL, Washington.
Second District—W. H. WILSON, Scott.
Third District—F. B. BLAIR, Delaware.
Fourth District—GEORGE E. MAY, Charles City.
Fifth District—WARD WILSON, Tama.
Sixth District—ELLSWORTH ROMINGER, Davis.
Seventh District—A. U. PROUDFOOT, Warren.
Eighth District—PAUL JUKKIN, Adams.
Ninth District—CAPT. JOHN W. SCOTT, Cass.
Tenth District—A. D. CLARKE, Kosuth.
Eleventh District—FRED F. FAVILLE, Buena Vista.

DES MOINES.—The ticket selection in the state republican convention was the easiest on record. Never before in the history of the party had five unanimous renominations been accorded state officers. It was a tribute to the confidence which the party has in its selected officials that no opposition appeared to them at this time. The only contest was on one office, where the present incumbent had positively refused to be a candidate for a second term. Three of the state officials got third terms—Secretary of State W. B. Martin of Adair county, State Treasurer Gilbert S. Gilbertson of Winnebago and Charles W. Mullan of Blackhawk. Chief Justice Horace E. Desmer of Montgomery county, who has had a full term and nearly all of another, was given unanimous renomination.

The following resolution was reported and adopted:

We, the republicans of Iowa, in convention assembled, do heartily endorse the platform adopted at Chicago June 21, 1904, by the republican national convention and do hereby declare our allegiance to the same.

We endorse the present republican administration of the affairs of the nation under President Theodore Roosevelt, and believe that the republican national convention acted wisely in nominating Theodore Roosevelt for president and Charles W. Fairbanks for vice president.

We approve the able, conservative and patriotic statesmanship of the Iowa delegation in the national congress.

We commend the able and business-like administration of Governor A. B. Cummins and also the manner in which the affairs of the state of Iowa have been conducted under the present republican administration.

JONES ISSUES FORMAL CALL.

The Democratic National Committee Requested to Meet.

ST. LOUIS.—Hon. James K. Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the national committee, who is in the city, today issued the following call for a meeting of the committee:

"Under the authority of the democratic national convention I hereby call the democratic committee to meet at the Hoffman House, New York City, on Tuesday, July 26, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of organizing and transacting such other business as may come before the committee." JAMES K. JONES.

Sambia Is Not Captured.

HAMBURG.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Sambia passed Perim at the southern entrance of the Red sea, thus disproving the report of its capture by a vessel of the Russian volunteer fleet.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

WOULD ALTER KINKAID LAW.

Senator Dietrich Thinks System Can Be Changed to Advantage.

HASTINGS.—In an interview in regard to the taking up of Nebraska land under the Kinkaid act Senator Dietrich expressed himself as follows:

I am satisfied from information that I have received from a great many sources that the Kinkaid bill, increasing the homestead right in the western part of this state to 640 acres, is not a satisfactory solution of the problem, for the reason that the size of the homestead provided for is not sufficiently large to justify settlers in entering upon the land except in a very few places. While the bill will be of some benefit I confidently believe that something more must be done.

I have talked with a great many men on this subject, and the opinion seems to be quite general that a law should be enacted at the next session of congress authorizing the secretary of the interior to classify all lands which shall have been entered under the Kinkaid bill, and also all unappropriated lands in Nebraska. The purpose would be to sell at auction all or any land not taken within two years after the passage of the Kinkaid bill. This would furnish an incentive for the settlement of the vast territory under existing laws, by making it possible for homesteaders to later on acquire additional land at a fair price.

I think the Kinkaid bill should be amended so as to allow commutation at 50 cents an acre, instead of \$1.25, as under the old homestead law, such commutation, however, not to be allowed until after two years' occupation and full compliance with all the provisions of the bill. The major portion of the land within the territory specified by the Kinkaid bill is of such character that 640 acres does not make a tract large enough for the support of a family. The law should be amended to enable the settler to acquire additional land.

TAXING INSURANCE COMPANIES.

A Matter in Which the Last Legislature Built Well.

LINCOLN.—The late legislature builded well when it changed the manner of taxing insurance companies to the 2 per cent premium plan. So far this year, seven and a half months, Deputy Pierce has collected in fees, reciprocal tax and other taxes, \$74,963, while last year for the twelve months there was collected only \$56,355.72. Before the year is out the total in all probability will be run up to \$100,000. Mr. Pierce has sent out notices to the companies which are yet delinquent in their reciprocal tax, telling them of the decision of the supreme court holding the law constitutional and requesting a settlement. However a rehearing has been asked for, and as this will not be acted upon probably until September some of the companies may yet hold off longer. The life companies have paid in \$48,726.64 and the surety and casualty companies \$4,402 on the 2 per cent gross premium tax plan.

The Auburn Chautauqua.

AUBURN.—The announcement or catalogue for the sixth annual assembly of the Auburn chautauqua is out. The chautauqua is to be held at Howe & Nixon's park in Auburn, commencing August 13 and ending on the 21st. Howe & Nixon's park is in the heart of the city of Auburn.

Wheat a Two-Thirds Crop.

SEWARD.—The wheat harvest is in full blast. The wheat is rusted and will be a two-thirds crop. Early oats are also being harvested now.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

A new business college will open in Fairbury in the fall.

The Episcopal congregation of Falls City will erect a \$2,000 rectory.

J. H. Landate, of Beatrice, died from lockjaw, the result of a Fourth of July accident.

During the heated term union religious services will be held in the park at Table Rock.

August 23, 24 and 25 are the dates set for the fraternal order picnic to be held in Falls City.

Ray Curl, a 16-year-old boy, was drowned in the clay pool at the brick yard near West Lincoln.

At Rogers Samuel Estes was bound over to the September term of district court for assault with intent to kill Martin Heavycase.

Burglars broke into the house of Henry Kluger at Rude and stole a gold watch and chain and a necklace that was given his wife for a wedding present.

The Hastings Pressed Brick company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$50,000 and the paid up capital \$15,000.

Anton Nemeec, aged 30, single, of Newman precinct, was brought before the examining board at Wahoo and adjudged insane. He was taken to the Lincoln asylum.

Many reports are coming into Columbus from the harvest fields that the wheat and oats are badly damaged from rust. Rye is generally reported to be a very good crop.

The records at the county superintendent's office in Dodge county show that of the eighty-three districts in the county all but about a dozen have already engaged their teachers for the ensuing year.

Master Selby Butler, the young son of Mrs. Florence Butler, of Tecumseh, came near drowning in the Nemaha river. He was fishing from the mill dam when he lost his footing and fell into the water. He was rescued as he came up the second time.

Ray Nye, senior member of the firm, Nye-Schneider-Fowler company, Fremont, has in his possession the first lading book issued from the old Fremont Union Pacific depot, which is soon to be moved from its present location.

Over 120 horses are entered for the race meet at the Fremont Driving Park association, which will be held on August 3, 4 and 5. The list comprises some of the best horses in the country, and the meet promises to be a successful one.

Eight hours of toil does not end the day for the deputy assessor. Nebraska has no effective law regulating the hours in a laboring day. So declares Attorney General Prout in an opinion formulated at the request of the county clerk of Gage county.

Denny Hobbs, of Humboldt, a young man of about twenty, shot himself in the foot with a 22-calibre rifle, as the result of accidentally pulling the trigger while standing with the muzzle of the gun on his foot. No serious results are anticipated from the wound.

Word was received in Hastings of the sudden death of Edgar Morledge, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morledge of the city. Young Morledge was killed by a railroad wreck near Colorado Springs while on duty as fireman on the Colorado Southern railroad.

Wm. Sutton, president and manager of the Table Rock Clay company, says that the recent stock issued by the company and ordered sold has been disposed of, and that the erection of a new plant on the ground recently purchased for that purpose of C. H. Norris will begin in the near future.